



By the King and Queen, A P R O C L A M A T I O N

For Encouraging Mariners, Seamen and Landmen to Enter themselves on Board
Their Majesties Ships of War.

W I L L I A M R.



Being desirous to give all due Encouragement to all such able Seamen, as have not been in Our Service the last Year, or being in the Service have been regularly Discharged therefrom, and also to able-bodied Landmen, who shall Voluntarily Enter themselves in Our Service, and remain on Board Our Ships of War in Our Royal Navy, have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to Publish this Our Royal Proclamation; And We do hereby Promise and Declare, That all Seamen and able-bodied Landmen who shall on or between the Twentieth Day of this Instant December, and the Twentieth Day of January next, Voluntarily Enter themselves and Remain on Board any of Our Ships of War, or Fire Ships, or on any Press-Vessels or Tenders belonging to Our Fleet, shall Receive as of Our free Gift and Royal Bounty, the respective Allowances or Rewards following,

Viz. Each able and ordinary Seaman Three Months Pay, and each able-bodied Landman One Month's Pay, to be Paid to them by or before the Twentieth Day of March next, and if any Ships shall be sent Abroad, the Men so Entered on Board the said Ships shall be Paid before they Sail. And We do hereby Command and Require the said Seamen and Landmen to Repair on Board the respective Ships on which they shall so Enter themselves, and give their constant Attendance, for fitting out to Sea such Ships as each of them do belong unto. And We are also Graciously Pleased to Declare, That Conduct-Money, according to the Practice of the Navy, shall likewise be Allowed to such Seamen and Landmen as shall Voluntarily Enter themselves and Remain on Board any of Our said Ships, according to the true Meaning of this Our Royal Proclamation. And for the Prevention of any Deceit and Abuses that may happen by any Person or Persons leaving the Ships to which they belong, and Entering him or themselves on Board any other of Our said Ships, as aforesaid, in order to the obtaining of the Bounty-Money herein before Granted, We do hereby likewise Direct, Declare and Command, That such Seamen and Landmen belonging to any of Our Ships or Vessels whatsoever, as shall leave any of the Ships or Vessels to which they belong, and Enter themselves on Board any other of Our Ships, in order to the obtaining of the said Bounty-Money, shall not only lose the Wages due to them in the Ship which they shall so leave, but also be severely Punisht according to their Demerits. And We do hereby further Publish and Declare Our Pleasure, That all Warrants for Pressing of Seamen shall be Suspended in their Execution between the Twentieth Day of this Month of December, and the Twentieth Day of January next ensuing; Whereof all Commanders of Our Ships and other Officers, whom it may concern, are to take Notice, and to forbear to Press Seamen accordingly during that time.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall the Thirteenth Day of December, 1694. In the Sixth Year of Our Reign.

God save King William and Queen Mary.

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